

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 17, 2003 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 14-26 have been amended. New claims 27 and 28 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 14-28 remain pending in this application, with claims 14 and 19 being the only independent claims.

In the current office action, the drawings are objected to because Figure 1c, uses the term "HUB" in the specification, while the specification refers to this as a "stroke". Applicant has amended the drawings in the Proposed Drawing Corrections submitted simultaneously herewith to overcome this objection. In addition, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.83 applicant also revised the drawings to properly label each drawing by its own header or title. For example, proper headings have been inserted to denote Fig. 1d, 1e, 1f, 4 and 5. No new matter has been added. Approval of the proposed drawing corrections by the Examiner in the next communication is requested.

The Examiner objects to the abstract of the disclosure because the terms do not comport with that in the specification. For example, the word "carriage (2.4)" is used in the abstract while the term "slide" is consistently used throughout the specification. Applicant has amended the specification so that the terminology conforms with that found in the specification of the application, as originally filed.

The Examiner rejects claims 14-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner further writes that the claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome all rejections specifically identified by the Examiner as well as to place the claims in better form for examination.

The Examiner in the outstanding Office Action acknowledged that the claims contain allowable subject matter that would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of the amendments to the claims overcoming the outstanding formal rejections, applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, authorization is hereby given to charge our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,



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